

everyone of us, of that expensive measure. And also at that time Senator Kate Witek amended the truth in sentencing provision from LB 627 back into 627, exactly the same as it was presented in the bill and exactly as it was amended on General File back into the bill after the committee stripped it. At that time, and I think Senator Witek probably has that debate and can speak to it, there was a little discussion but, quite frankly, not any opposition that I recall, and so when I said on Select File that this is exactly what LB 627 had in it originally, then I assumed it was the same kind of support for that bill by those members on Judiciary Committee, by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, that indeed had spoken for it when it was amended back into the Judiciary bill on General File. I guess that is my real bewilderment, that now suddenly when it had had a public hearing in LB 627, had been amended back into 627 on General File, I amended it into my bill because 627, quite frankly, was having a hard time by some members of this body, and it contained a better provision for truth in sentencing. And I want to tell you that it also was printed in the Journal on page...on April...no March 31st, I believe, March 31st in the Journal, 1267 page. So there was nothing, nothing that should determine that this was done either in haste or done...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...to mislead people. Now I hope we can put this question beside us and then I will be talking about the merits, indeed, of the present law that we have that we passed in...last year in 1993 and why we should not change that back, and why judges do not want us to change it back and why county attorneys do not want to change it back and why the League of Women Voters does not want us to change it back. And we need to get to those points and what exactly we are doing if we adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I don't want to disappoint Senator Hall. I am going to ask for a germaneness ruling on this, just for the record. I know that I will more than likely be ruled against or we'll have to suspend the germaneness rule, but I would definitely like to ask for germaneness.